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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF GUINEAN DELEGATION

1. A MR CROS, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS MEMBER OF GUINEAN MINISTERIAL DELEGATION ENROUTE TO US FOR MEETINGS WASHINGTON SEPT 10 AND 11 CALLED ME THIS MORNNING FROM GUINEAN EMBASSY ASKING ME TO REQUEST PAN AM TO INTERCEDE WITH AIR AFRIQUE TO OBTAIN FOUR FIRST CLASS SEATS ON AIR AFRIQUE FLIGHT LEAVING FOR NEW YORK TONIGHT. FLIGHT IS REPORTEDLY SPECIAL CHARGER AND COMPLETELY FULL. DELEGATION INCLUDES ISMAEL TOURE.

2. ALTHOUGH WARNING MR CROS THAT I KNOW MOST FLIGHTS LEAVING DAKAR AT MOMENT ARE FILLED OR OVERBOOKED, AND POINTING OUT WE HAD NO DIRECT INFLUENCE WITH AIR AFRIQUE, I DID PROMISE TO CALL PAN AM AGENT. ALSO MENTIONED DELEGATION HAD JUST MISSED A PANAM FLIGHT AT 0205 THIS AM.

3. PANAM INDICATED THAT THEY ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH SATURATION AIR AFRIQUE FLIGHT IN QUESTION, HAVING BEEN ASKED TO ABSORB SOME OF OVERLOAD. HOWEVER, WOULD TRY. PAN AM REP PHONED BACK TO SAY THEY HAD NO SUCCESS WITH AIR

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AFRIQUE, HOWEVER HAD UNDERTAKEN TO FIND OTHER ALTERNATIVES,

AND ASCERTAINED SPACE WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON AIR FRANCE
FLIGHT TO PARIS THIS AFTERNOON, WITH EARLY CONNECTION
POSSIBLE ON TO NEW YORK. WHILE IN PROCESS EXPLORING
THIS POSSIBILITY UNKNOWN REPRESENTATIVE GUINEAN GROUP
WALKED INTO PAN AM AND AGENT SUGGESTED THIS ALTERNATIVE.
REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO AIR FRANCE TO
PICK UP ON ARRANGEMENTS PAN AM HAD TENTATIVELY MADE.
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